

REMARKS

Office Action is discussed in detail below. Claims 3, 9 and 15 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 7 and 13 have been amended to include the limitations of claims 3, 9 and 16 respectively. No new matter has been added.

Claim Objections

Claims 1 and 7 (as amended) are objected to due to informalities.

The informalities have been corrected and applicant requests that the objections be removed.

Claims Rejections - 35 USC 102

Claims 1, 7, 13 and 15 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Hayashi et al (JP 9-120817).

Claims 1, 7 and 13 have been amended to include the limitations of claims 3, 9 and 16 respectively.

Hayashi fails to teach or suggest applicant's limitations as recited in amended claims 1, 7 and 13 (see "Allowable Subject Matter"). Claim 15 depends from claim 13 and includes all of the limitations of claim 15. Hence,

Hayashi fails to teach or suggest the limitations of claim 15.

The rejection of claims 1, 7, 13 and 15 has been overcome and applicant requests it be removed.

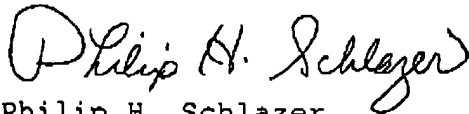
Claim Rejections - 35 USC 103

Claims 6 and 12 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hayashi as applied to claims 1, 7, 13 and 15 above. Claim 6 depends from claim 1 and includes all of the limitations of claim 1. Claim 12 depends from claim 7 and includes all of the limitations of claim 7. As discussed above, Hayashi fails to teach or suggest all of the limitations of claims 6 and 12. Hence, Hayashi also fails to teach or suggest all of limitations of claims 6 and 12. The rejection of claims 6 and 12 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hayashi as applied to claims 1, 7, 13 and 15 is overcome and applicant requests it be removed.

Summary

Cancel claims 3, 9 and 16 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 7 and 13 have been amended. In view of the above remarks and amendments, remaining claims 1, 4-7, 10-13, ^{15, 17, 18}~~15-18~~ are in condition for allowance and applicant requests removal of the outstanding objection and rejections and notification of allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or suggestions regarding the prosecution of this application, he is asked to contact applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below.

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Marked up copy of amendments to the claims:

1. (twice amended) An active composition of an electrode of an alkaline electrochemical cell, comprising:

a nickel hydroxide material; and

a binder comprising [a monosaccharide, a disaccharide,] a pectin or a molasses.

7. (twice amended) An electrode for an alkaline electrochemical cell, comprising:

an active composition including:

a nickel hydroxide material; and

a binder comprising [a monosaccharide, a disaccharide,] a pectin or a molasses.

13. (twice amended) An alkaline electrochemical cell, comprising:

at least one positive electrode;

at least one negative electrode; and

an alkaline electrolyte,

said positive electrode having an active material composition including a nickel hydroxide material and a binder comprising [a monosaccharide, a disaccharide,] a pectin or a molasses.